## EQUIVOCATING ON THE TARIFF

President Cleveland's Message Written to Please New York.

A PROTECTIONIST ASTONISHED.

The Committee on Bules - Dakota and the Democrats-A Mormon Scheme -Other Bits of Gossip From the Capital.

Empty Halls. WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH ST., WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.

One could hear the echoes from his foot falls in any part of the capitol to-day. Neither house of congress was in session and few members of the senate were about their seats. Senator Allison was with the senate committee on finance, explaining his bill to prohibit undervaluations in imports, while Mr. Dorsey, of Nebraska, was paying a visit to Speaker Carlisle, who was in his private room fixing up his committees. The speaker and Mr. Dorsey are the warmest personal friends. They have lived at the same hotel for two or three years, often go to the theater, and their wives hold joint receptions. THE SPEAKER'S PERPLEXITY.

Speaker Carlisle is the busiest man in Washington. It would not seem a very hard thing for one to do, this making up of about forty committees, in view of his long experience and personal acquaintance, but when one reflects that he has 425 men to select from and that nearly everyone is asking for places of a specific nature, and thousands of outside people are writing, wiring and going to him personally, and that he must take into consideration most of these requests and sugsestions, it will be seen that he has much to conjure over. He said to day that he would announce the committee on rules when the house meets on Monday, and it is understood that it will consist of the speaker as chair-man, which is usual, and Messrs. Randall of Pennsylvania, Milis of Texas, Reed of Maine, and Conner of Illinois.

CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST.

When the committee is announced there may be some squabbling over propositions which are to be presented to it for consideration. The principal of these is the requirement that the committee on appropriations shall make all of its report before March. Some members would reduce the time to the Some members would reduce the time to the 1st or middle of February. This would, if adopted, enable the house to get all the ap propriations out of the way and have a clear deck for miscellaneous business by April, a he farthest. Heretofore the committee has held back its report till May or June for the purpose of controlling legislation, as bills from that committee have the right of way and can push all others off the floor at any time. It is probable that after the committee on rules is an sounced there will be a call of the states and territories for an introduction of bills. But there will be no work of im-portance by congress till after the holiday The senate on Monday will un doubtedly concur in the joint resolution passed yesterday by the house, providing for adjournment for the holidays on Thursday, the 23d to Wednesday, January 4. DAKOTA AND STATEROOD

Delegate Gifford said to me this afternoon the effort which will be made by the Demo-crats in the house to admit Dakota as a whole to statehood, was born of bad faith and would avail nothing.

'We prefer to stay out of the union," said he, "to coming in as a whole. We prefer di-vision on an east and west line to statehood, because there is no sympathy between the north and south portions of the territory. I presume the house will pass a bill to admit the whole territory as a state, but further legislation by congress will be required, as the democrats would not give us a complete anabling act. The senate bill offered by Mr. Harrison in the last congress will again pass that body, providing for division and the ad-nission of the southern half, and I presume mission of the southern half, and I presume the thing will end there, as the scuate ought not to be a party to the imposition of the in-justice the democrats in the house propose."

Secretary Lamar to-day rendered a decison in the case of Alvin Dye value and Plymale, involving a quarter section of land in the Grand Island district. The decision approved with of the land commission is approved with modification. The secretary holds that the efendant should be allowed to make new proof; that, her filing having expired, she will be permitted to submit such proof, showng compliance with the law, within sixty days after notice of the decision. THE PRESIDENT AND THE TARIFF.

President Cleveland is straddling the tariff duestion. A democratic member of congress, who represents a tariff protection district, went to him to-day and pointed out why he could not vote for the radical reforms recom mended in the message to congress. president was a good deal exercised at the interpretation made of his language and tak-ing out his message, informed the member that there was nothing in it which contem-plated free wool or free anything else, that only "tariff reform" was intended, and that nothing very radical was expected. The president said that he had been almost forced by the people in New York to write the mesunder the dome would pass any kind of a tariff bill it would satisfy him. The member was very much astonished at the president's apology and explanation.

THE CURTAIN DROPS.

Miss Lucy Horton, who exhibited symp toms of insanily at a theatre on Tuesday night, was committed to the asylum this af ternoon. She is suffering from emotional in mbulance. UTAH MUST REPORM HERSELF.

Ahis afternoon, whether he believed the house would pass a bill admitting Utah to the union of states at this session. Mr. Bynum can give a very good reflex of the sentiment of the house, as he is one of the most active in the house, as he is one of the most active in his party. He said: "No. I do not think Utah will come into the union of states for probably a number of years, and I will tell you why. The demand for admission to statehood is made by the Mormons, and there is behind it a deep laid Mormon trick. I have no doubt the Mormons would very readily consent to have a provision in their constitution declaring polygamy to be a crime and prohibiting it in the state, but they very well know that such a provision in the constitution, unless it is backed by moral swittness. tion, unless it is backed by moral sentiment and force, would be perfectly idle, and with-out effect. A constitutional provision is not self-acting or self-enforcing. A state constitution cannot fix a penalty for a crime. There must be enactments by the state legislature. Of course, after Utah became a state, although it declared in its constitution against polygamy the legislature and affairs of the state would be in the hands of Mormons and polygamists and they would refuse to pass laws to carry out the provision in their constitution. This would make all the their constitution. This would make all the requirements and provisions of congress a dead letter. Utah must purge herself of her sins before she can hope to be a state. She must show that she is able to reform herself and means to be fitter as a state than a terri-tory before I would be willing to vote for her

change of condition.' At this point in the conversation Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, who is one of the oldest and most influential democrats in the house, was asked by Mr. Bynum if he did not take the same view of the situation.

Mr. Breckenridge said: "You are right in your diagnosis of the case. There is just one way to overcome the objection, and that is for congress to adopt Randolph Tucker's pro-posed amendment to the constitution of the United States making polygamy a brime in any part of the union and giving the federal government and courts jurisdiction. This will enable the

overnment to fix the penalty and enforce the law."

To this Mr. Bynum replied: "The suggestion not only meets my approval, and I have no doubt it would be indersed by the majority of the house, but I am afraid if this provision has made, Utah would not agree to come into the union of states."

Belva A. Lockwood says it is not Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood says it is not likely that her new party will put a ticket in the field. Its principles are similar to those of the George party, and she does not want to interfere with that. A meeting is to be held in February.

Mrs. Cleveland has spent the week quietly at the white house. No guests are visiting

her and none are expected. The lady of the white house is resting in anticipation of the busy official social season. The president and Mrs. Cleveland will likely attend the Baltimore charity ball on the evening of the

Baltimore charity ball on the evening of the 9th of January.

Representative Glover, of Missouri, announces that he will introduce a bill authorizing government supervision of the telegraph system through the inter-state commerce commission. This is what the telegraph companies want, as it will practically be no supervision at all.

Some three vere since the secretary of the

Some three years since the secretary of the interior referred to the court of claims the case of Vann and Adair against the Osage nation, being a claim of \$180,000 for alleged attorney services in defeating the ratification by the senate of what was known as the Osage-Sturges treaty of 1868. These parties charged a fee of \$230,000 for their services and received \$50,000 on account, claiming the balance of \$150,000. The court of claims has decided the case in favor of the Osage nation, holding that the attorneys had already received sufficient remuneration and that further payment for such services was against public policy. The interesting fact was developed in the case that the Osages are probably the richest nation in the world. They number about 1,500 persons, own 1,000,000 acres of valuable land in the Indian terrion acres of valuable land in the Indian territory and have over \$5,000,000 to their credit in the treasury on which they receive 5 per cent interest. Besides this they have a good claim of over half a million against the United States for the proceeds of Osage ceded lands.

Perry S. Heath.

Denver and the Southern Pacific. Washington, Dec. 17.—The hearing of the case of John H. and H. H. Martin, of Denver, against the Southern Pacific railway com pany and the roads controlled by it, alleging violation of the long and short haul clause of the inter-state commerce law, was continued by the inter-state commerce commission this morning. Kimbal, general freight agent of the Union Pacific road, and W. G. Clements, admitted that greater freight rates were charged between San Francisco and Denver than between San Francisco and Omaha, and justified it on the ground that the Cana-dian Pacific company being a competitor for the business to Missouri river points, comthe business to Missouri river points, com-pelled the Union Pacific to make a reduction in favor of these points. The Canadian Pa-cific being without the jurisdiction of the commission, the defendants claim that, un-der the circumstances, there has been no violation of the law. Martin, in his testi-mony, stated that the discrimination was made in the interest of Kansas City.

Pensions Issued.

Washington, Dec. 16. - [Special Telegram to the Ber. ]—The following pensions wera granted Nebraskans to-day: Mexican war— Henry Rex, Liberty. Increase-Lorenzo D. Wood, Johnstown.

Pensions for Iowans: Minors of Vincent Crabb, Collins; widow of William Judd, Dresco; Margaret, widow of John Delven, Oakland Mills; Martha A., widow of John K. Bennett, Leon. Mexican war-Elvira, widow of John Slattery, Vinton; James A Bailey, Benton Port. Original—Robert Pat-Increase - Isaac Merritt ten, Newton. Veron; Charles Harrison, Cromwell; William Noyes, Mondamin; Nathan Remington, Webster City; Abram R. Parish, Hills webster City; Abram R. Parish, Hills-borough; Edward Coulter, Cedar Rapids; James W. Bailey, Sheldon; John Diehl, Os-ceola. Reissue—Elliott McDowell, Augus. Restoration and increase—Albert Bersby, Des Moines.

Army News.

Washington, Dec. 17.—[Special Telegram to the Ber.]—The extension of leave of absence granted Lieutenant Colonel George H. Forsyth, Fourth cavalry, October 6, has been further extended seven days.

The president has accepted the resignation of First Lieutenant Charles F. Roc, to take effect January 31, 1888.

Samuel R. Broadbent and Henry W. Weiscadhts os the fourth class. United States milcadnts os the fourth class, United States mil-itary academy, have resigned
General Order No. 77, issued yesterday,
modifies the limits of that portion of the mil-tary reservation of Ft. Totten, Dak., lyingi
within the Devil's Lake Indian reservation.
Captain Victor Briaret, assistant surgeon,
now on sick leave, is relieved from further
duty in the Javantage of Palester

duty in the department of Dakota, Ten colored infantry recruits are ordered for assignment to the Twenty-fourth infantry The leave of absence granted, on account of sickness, to Second Lieutenant Robert G. Proctor, Fifth artillery, October 15, is fur-ther extended two months. Thirty recruits have been ordered to the

Department of the Missouri for assignment to the Twenty-second infantry.

A Decision By Muldrow. Washington, Dec. 17 .- Acting Secretary Muldrow, in response to a letter of inquiry from the commissioners of Indian affairs, has decided that under the provision of the allotment act confirming to religious societies or other organization's occupation of land for their use for religious or educational work among the Indians, they may have not to ev ceed 160 acres in each tract at various locations occupied by them at the date of the act, or such less quantity as the necessities of their work may require. He also holds that there is nothing in law prohibiting the demonstration actions are the such as the such a partment from setting aside for the temporary use of such societies or organizations not to exceed 160 acres on Indian reservations for the purpose specified, though they may may not have been in occupancy of land at the date of the passage of the act. This occupancy, however, is made subject to the pleasure of the department.

A Dinner to Esmonde and O'Connor. Washington, Dec. 17 .- Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, gave a dinner to-night in honor of Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde and Mr. Arthur O'Connor. The other guests were Secretaries Lamar and Whitney, Colonel Lamont, Senators Ingalls, Hawley, Beck and Kenna, and Speaker Carlisle and Representatives Breckenridge, Collins, Mc Adoo and Springer.

Higgins' Successor.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Secretary Fairchild has decided to appoint Perry C. Smith, of New Jersey, as chief of the appointment division of the treasury department in place of Eugene Higgins, resigned. Smith is a cousin of the secretary, and at present holds the position of disbursing clerk of the post office department.

Acting Secretary of War.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The president has designated Brigadier General MacFeely commissiary general of subsistence, to act as secretary of war, during the absence of Sec-

Postal Changes. Washington, Dec. 17 .- Carl W. Seim was

to-day appointed postmaster at Willingford, Emmet county, Ia., vice Edmund M. Kries, A postoffice has been established at Posen, rioward county, and Adam Lerkowski ap-pointed postmaster.

A BIG DEAL Dakota Tin Mines Sold to an English

Syndicate. Rapid Ciry, Dak., Dec. 17 .- [Special Tele gram to the Brg.]-Captain David Cook left last night for London, having just consummated a purchase of the Steven 'Tin Mining company's property for an English syndicate. The price paid is unknown but \$52,000 has changed hands so far. The property is in the Hill City mining district, twenty miles from Rapid City. Cook will return in March and superintend the erection of large reduction works. A smelter will probably be erected

An Illinois Man Drowned. GREENVILLE, Mass., Dec. 17. - Thomas Fitzgerald, who came here from El Paso, Ill., a few days ago to work on the government leet near here, was drowned to-day.

Bennett Beaten.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17 .- Ira Payne today completed his 600 shots, fifty yards distance, with a pistol, making a grand total of 5.279 out of a possible 6,000, or 107 more than F. E. Bennett recently made.

Board of Equalization. The members of the city council met last night as a board of equalization. Very little business was transacted.

THE LABOR FEDERATION.

inal Adjournment Taken After the

Adoption of Important Resolutions. BALTIMORE, Dec. 17 .- The convention of the American Federation of Labor this morning took up the consideration of the report of the committee on resolutions. A resolution introduced by Mr. Block, delegate from the Baker's union, denouncing the actions of the police in various cities interfering with meetings and the tendency of the authorities in some sections to curtail the constitutional rights of the people and insisting that the spirit of anarchy a displayed by the authorities should be condemned by the working people, was the subject of a prolonged de bate. It was vigorously opposed by a few conservative delegates, but was finally passed after the words "unlawful oppression" had been substituted for "anarchy." resolution was adopted advising the work-ingmen to guard more carefully their constitutional rights and to foster a spirit of in dependent political action. The Blair edu-cational bill was endorsed. A protest against the reduction of the internal revenue tax on tobacco was approved, as was also a protest against the proposed extradition treaty with Russia. Sympathy was expressed with Ireland. An effort was made to have the convention pass a resolution protesting against any reduction in the tariff on raw materials, but it was not successful. The eight hour bill now under consideration by congress was warmly endorsed, and after the adoption of a few minor measures, the convention adjourned sine die. PAID FOR HER VANITY.

One Woman Recovers a Verdict For

Writing Another's Autobiography. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 17 .- In the circuit court here recently Abi Jackman, a young authoress, sued Mrs. Hannah Perkins, aged about fifty-five years, for \$1,500, claimed for writing the latter's life in the form of a romance to be published under Mrs. Perkins name. Mrs. Perkins wished to rival Marietta Holly, so that the popular author could not walk by her "with her head up." The best lawyers of the county were engaged on both sides, and the interest in the case was widespread. The jury rendered a verdict to day for the plaintiff for \$1,638.75.

The Virginia Debt.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.-The finance com mittee of the general assembly held a special meeting to-day to hear W. L. Royall, counsel for the foreign bondholders, on the debt question. Royall asked that all action in the coupon cases be suspended for thirty days. saying that during that time he would use his best efforts to prevent any coupons being presented in payment for taxes; that he would go to London and endeavor to get the English bondholders to settle upon terms satisfactory to the state, and if the bondholders refused to agree to his proposition he would resign his position as counsel. The sentiment of the committee, as expressed by many of the members, was that it would be useless for Royall to undertake any negotiations which departed form the principles of the Riddleberger bill. A committee was ap-pointed to prepare a resolution in relation to the matter to be presented at a joint meeting of the committees.

The sub-committee appointed at to-day's

meeting has drafted a resolution to be sub-mitted at Monday's meeting. The resolution is in effect that the governor be authorized and requested to direct the officers of state to suspend all proceedings against parties who have hitherto tendered coupons for taxes until January 25, provided the bondholders shall cease all attempts to force coupons into the treasury and will publish a circular saying they will not sustain tax payers tender-ing coupons for taxes in the interium. The resolution concludes by declaring that the state will pay no more than the amount fixed by the Riddleberger bill.

An Embezzling Messenger Captured. St. Paul, Dec. 17 .- The young man arrested in Springfield, Ill., yesterday as William Clark is without doubt John H. Webber, the embezzling express messenger of the Northern Pacific Express company. Webber disappeared from St. Paul, November 7. The amount which he had stolen was then announced as \$5,000. Since then it has been learned that his thefts amounted to \$33,971. It is said that Webber was accor young woman known as Carrie Dudley.

To Protect Horse Importers. CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- A meeting of horsebreeders, held here to-day, formulated a bill exempting importers from liability for past infractions of the tariff law as recently construed, requiring duty upon all breeding animals not kept by the importer for his own use. The amount of money involved is large. A committee was appointed to select a repreentative to present the bill to congress and

urge its passage.

The Weather To-day. For Nebraska: Warmer, followed by light rain or snow, light to fresh winds, becoming northwesterly and fresh to brisk. For Iowa: Slightly warmer, fair weather, ollowed by light rain or snow, light to fresh southerly winds, increasing in force and be coming colder northwesterly on Monday.

For Dakota: Snow in the northern por tions, fair weather followed by snow in southern portion, warmer, followed by colder weather, light to fresh variable winds be coming northerly.

Sleeping Car Company Suit. CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- An important bill in chancery was filed in the United States circuit court here to-day by the Pullman Palace Car company against the Wagner Palace Car company and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad to prevent infringement of Pullman's patents on vestibule

Steel Works Closed.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17 .- The converting, blooming and rail departments of the Edgar l'hompson steel works closed to-day. It is understood that the rail mills' suspension is for an indefinite period, but that the other departments resume after annual repairs. The shut down throws several thousand men out of employment.

Fast Time Across the Ocean. NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- The steamer Etruria, which reached Queenstown to-day, made the fastest east-bound trip on record, her time from New York to Fastnet being six days and two hours. The same steamer has the fastest west-bound record—six days five hours and thirty-four minutes.

The Robinson Jury Disagrees. Boston, Dec. 17'-This evening the jury in the trial of the noted Mrs. Robinson, charged with the poisoning of her children, reported that they were unable to agree and were

discharged. Funeral of Mrs. General Brisbin. FORT MCKINNEY, Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The body of Mrs. General James Brisbin, who died here on Tues-

day morning last, has been temporarily in-terred at Buffalo. The funeral was the largest ever seen in this part of the country. Voorhees on the Revenue. Indianapolis, Dec. 17 .- Senator Voorhees in the course of an interview to-day, said he

should not favor any reduction of the tax on spirits. He might, however, be willing to repeal the tax on tobacco, except cigars and cigarettes. Voorhees says he stands on the democratic platform of 1884 and thinks President Cleveland has departed from it. In reducing taxation. Senator Voorhees would en-deavor to guard the labor interests and protect them from competition with cheaply paid competitors. In alluding to free trade the senator said: "A great many people use the term free trade without knowing or caring what it means. Free trade means no tariff tax; it means abandonment of custom houses and resort to direct taxation of the states Under such a system Indiana's proportion would be \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 a year. I don't think anybody wants to try the experi ment in this or any other state.'

Internal Revenue Collections. Mr. Ballentine, the internal revenue collector, took in \$7,862.63 for the United States coffers yesterday.

HE IS NOT THE REV. BROWNS.

The New York Man a Victim of Mistaken Identity.

MASONIC DOINGS AT HASTINGS.

A Farmer's Deliberate Suicide-Fire at Tecumseh-The Iowa Grave Robbers Indicted -- A Wonderful Meteor.

Servis is Not"Browns." CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-Servis, brought here by Pinkerton's detective proves to be not the man wanted. The parties where Browns stopped when here say a mistake has been made, and a great many people who knew Browns saw the man Servis to-day and are confident ne is not Browns. The man who cashed the draft was a tall, quite heavy-set man, and Servis is under medium height and weighs about 130 pounds. Everybody admits a resemblance between the two faces, but the difference in height and build is so striking that there is little doubt that Servis

A Press Club Organized. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 17 .- [Special to the BEE.]-A number of newspaper men representing all the local and a large number of metropolitan papers, met last evening at the Press office and formally organized the Nebraska City Press club. The following officers were elected: President, H. L. Wood; vice president, Charles Copenhavre; secretary, A. G. Agnew; treasurer, E. D. Marnell. The club starts out with a good membership and bright prospects, and with the encouragement of the best citizens of Nebraska City. Nebraska City. Elegant club rooms have been obtained.

The High Priests of Masonry. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 17 .- At the session of the Grand Order of High Priesthood of the Masonic order of Nebraska yesterday, a committee was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions of respect to the memory of H. B. Nicodemus, of Fremont, and Henry L. Strong, of Kearney, who died since the last annual session. The following officers and members were elected: Albert Hastings of Lincoln, president; James A. Tulleys, Red Cloud, vice president; Frank E. Bullard. North Platte, recorder; James Tyler, Lincoln, master of ceremonies; Frank E. Young, Custer, conductor; John D. Moore, Grand Island, herald; Charles A. Holmes,

Tecumseh, steward.

The following named gentlemen were admitted: Hugh G. Clark, Omaha; Charles M. Williams, Fremont; Julius L. Young, Tecumseh; Burrous H. Begele, Beatrice; Henry D. Boyden, Grand Island; Berea M. Henry D. Boyden, Grand Island; Berea M.
Willsey, Blair; Charles Bond, Crete; Alvin
S. Marsh, Red Cloud; Edwin C. Webster,
Hastings; John G. Prosser, Edgar; Robert
E. French, Kearney; William W. Wright,
Blue Springs; John F. Kutz, Plum Creek;
Julius F. Hale, York; Thomas G. Bees, McCook, and George S. Bishop, Ashland.

Fire at Tecumseh.

TECUMSER, Dec. 17. [Special to the BEE.] -Last night at 8 o'clock the house of G. Foresman was burned down, catching fire from the flue. The furniture was nearly all saved. Loss, \$1,000. J. J. Taylor, grocer, has sold out to Messrs. Regnior & Sharp, of St. Joseph, Mo., they paying all the creditors.

Perkins County Democrats. GRANT, Neb., Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram

to the BEE.]-The democrats of Perkins county met at this place to-day to organize the party for the new county. The demo-cratic majority in the county is something like two hundred and seventy-five. Said to Have Skipped.

GRANT, Neb., Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram the Lincoln Land company at Venango, is

said to have absconded. He leaves many friends sorrowing for his return in the sum of about \$1,000. A New Enterprise. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 17 .- [Special

Telegram to the BRE.]-Pitz & Young, who opened a large book bindery here some time ago, wiil also commence the manufacture of paper on a large scale on Monday and give employment to a number of men. They have invested a large amount of capital in the new

A Farmer Suicides. NELIGH, Neb., Dec. 17.-Harvey W. Dan-

ner, living on a homestead fifteen miles west of here, came to town Thursday, purchased strychnine at one of the drug stores, placed it in a glass of whisky and drank it down. He died an hour after, although physicians tried in vain to save him. He leaves a wife dying of cancer of the breast and six little

Iowa Supreme Court Decisions. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-The supreme court rendered the following decisions here to-day: John D. Moore vs. George Held and Thomas Bowman, appellants, and others, Boone district. Modified.

Boone district. Modified.

State of Iowa, appellant, vs. Charles Collins, Des Moines district. Reversed.

H. W. Templin & Co., vs. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad et al, appellants, Henry circuit. Reversed. Dowagay

ray Manufacturing company, ap-vs. G. C. Gibson, Wright district. McCormick Harvesting Machine company appellant, vs. Knut & Jacobson, Story dis rict. Reversed. W. J. Cantellon et al, vs. the Dubuque &

Northwestern Railroad company, appellants, Dubuque district. Opinion by Seevers. Af-

firmed, Adams taking no part.
State of Iowa vs. Fred Ward, appellant,
Woodbury district. Affirmed.
Jacob Hinson jr. appellant, vs. Sarah
Bailey et al, Des Moines district. Affirmed. James Evanstaff, appellant, vs. Louisa county, Louisa district. Affirmed. State of Iowa vs. John O'Brien, appellant,

Chickesaw district. Affirmed.

Charles Hull, appellant, vs. Byron P. Baird, Vanburen Beck dissents. Baird, Vanburen Beck dissents.

Des Moines Street Railway company vs Des Moines Broad Cauge Street Railway company. In a sugislemental opinion the court says: "A petition for a rehearing has been filed in these cases and was fully argued at the last term. We have re-examined the case and conclude that the petition for a rehearing must be overruled. It is proper, however, that we should say, in order to prevent any misconstruction of our opinion, that it was not our intention to hold, and it is not held, that the cry is precluded by the ordinance under which the plaintiff is acting from availing itself of rany, improved street railway to be operated, by other than animal power, if reasonably necessary to meet the public wants. We did not regard such question as in the cases and on that we expressed tion as in the cases and on that we expressed no opinion." This ends the long contest be-tween the rival street car companies of this city, giving to the old marrow guage the ex-clusive right to the streets it was on till its franchise expires, so far as horse power is

A Mine on Fire.

used.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17.- [Special Tele gram to the BEE. ]-Mine Inspector Stout returned to-day from Boonsboro, where he had closed the Sherman mine for violation of the state law. He reports that the Milford mine, near that place, is on fire from sponta-neous combustion. At last advices the fire had not been controlled.

An lowa Man Suicides. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17 .- Levy H. Guye, supposed to be a cattle dealer from Walnut, Ia., was found dead in a room at the Dowling house, 137 South Canal street, late last eve ning. He was dressed in a light brown suit, over which was worn a black and gray mixed suit of blue and a white straped calico shirt and no collar, button shoes and rubbers. He came from the union depot yesterday morn-

ing, and crossed the street to the Dowling house. The proprietor noticed that he was tall, probably six feet, slim, with sallow complexion and light brown hair, cut short. He registered as L. H. Guye, leaving a vacant space in the residence column of the book. He gave his valise to the clerk and asked for a room, saying that he was tired and would go to bod and sleep awhile. He left no order to be called. Just as the clerk was ready to show him up stairs he changed his mind and decided that he would have breakfast before retiring. After a hearty meal he went up to his room. No one went to the door of his room or near it throughout the day. About 9 clerk last groups, the to the door of his room or near it throughout
the day. About 9 o'clock last evening the
proprietor concluded it was time to call his
lodger and sent the clerk to awaken him.
No answer came to heavy raps on the door.
The clerk came back and half an hour later
went up again. The failure of repeated attempts aroused the landlord's suspicions and
with the clerk and a way who havened to with the clerk and a man who happened to be in the office he went to the door about 11:30 and battered the door down. Guye was found lying on the bed with a fearful wound in the mouth, dead and cold. By his side lay in the mouth, dead and cold. By his side lay a Smith & Wesson 38-calibre double action revolver. How long he had been dead no one could tell. Though the hotel had been full of guests all day, no one had heard a pistol report. A patrol wagon was summoned and the body taken to the morgue. From papers found upon him he is supposed to be a member of K. of L. local assembly 6,555 at Walber of R. of L. local assembly 6,555 at Wal-nut, Ia. On his person was found a ticket from Pacific Junction to Indianola, Ia., and a memorandum book. In this under the date of December 16, is an entry which may give the cause of the suicide. It reads: "I want to say now that I am not guilty of everything I rm accused of." The coroner was notified of the finding of the body and an inquest will be held to day. be held to-day.

The Grave Robbers Indicted. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |- The three men who were caught in the act of grave robbery at Mitchellsville yesterday were indicted to-day by the grand jury and, as the evidence against them is very direct, it it expected that they will be sent to the penitentiary for the full extent of the law. Public indignation against them runs very high.

A Celestial Visitor. GLENWOOD, Ia., Dec. 17 .- [Special to the BEE.]-A very brilliant meteor, which lighted up the country for quite acdistance, fell re cently in this vicinity, with a report like a dull explosion. The earth was perceptibly jarred for some distance round. No trace of

Congressman Weaver's Father Dead. ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 17 .- A. Weaver, father of Congressman J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, and a pioneer of Michigan, Iowa and

where it struck has yet been found. The jar

awakened numbers of people.

Kansas, died here to-day, aged eighty-four. Fire at Northwood. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17 .- Fire at Northwood, Worth county, this morning destroyed business property valued at \$14,000. The principal losers are: J. M. Henderson, hard-ware and saddlery, \$1,000; Gordon & Emery,

drugs and groceries, \$3,500; Central hotel,

Chicago Preparing For the Convention CHICAGO, Dec. 17.-Milward B. Adams. who for several years has been manager of Central Music hall and who has also had charge of Theodore Thomas' business here and managed many other important amusement enterprises, has accepted the position of manager of the new auditorium which is now being built here and which will be used for the first time when the republican national convention meets there in June. The auditorium will not be used for amusen until about a year from now. Adams leaves for Europe next week on business connected with the new enterprise.

Given to the Jury.

LEBNON, Pa., Dec. 17 .- The case of William Showers, who has been on trial for several days, charged with having murdered his two grand children, was given to the jury tonight. During the closing hours of the trial, Stephen Showers, son of the accused, testito the BEE.]-D. H. Clark, town lot agent of | fied in reference to letters which his father had written him from prison, asking him to swear falsely so as to clear the old man. The son said he could not take a false oath even to save his own father's neck.

> The Irish National League. The following letter was seceived yesterday by Thomas Fitzmorris from the treasurer of the Irish National league, acknowledging

the receipt of the money collected in this city in behalf of the organization: DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4 .- Dear Sir:-Your very welcome letter of the 9th instant is at hand with New York exchange for \$1,240.76, is at hand, which I have placed in the antiis at hand, which I have placed in the anti-coercion roll of honor fund. While noting with great pleasure the generous and timely contribution of \$1,000 (including above) from the Hon. J. A. McShane, I trust you can favor me with the names of the other sub-scribers. We have a handsome certificate to send out and I believe our countrymen will preserve them as a memento of the uneven struggle. Hoping you will find an oppor

to convey my warmest wishes to all contributors, I remain very faithfully yours. CHARLES O'REILLY, Treasurer I. N. L. of A. Mr. Fitzmorris states that he has a list of the names of all the subscribers to the fund and in compliance with Dr. Reilly's request will forward the same to him immediately. This afternoon the league will hold a meeting at St. Philomena's hall, Ninth and Howard streety, at which M. V. Gannon, of Iowa, will speak and J. T. Moriarty deliver a discourse on Grattan. The subject of secur-ing the next convention of the Irish National League of America, for Omaha, will be dis-

cussed. Articles of Incorporation. W. T. Penningtonwood, David H. Walker Harry H. Miller, Louie Neese and Harry W. Hewitt, of Omaha, and Abram A. Brubaker of Stuart, Neb., filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk yesterday of "The Self-Heating Sad Iron company," with Omaha as

the principal place of business.
The Orchard Hill Terrace Building associ ation is the title of an incorporation, the arti-cles of which were also filed yesterday. The general nature of the business to be transacted by the association is the acquirement and sale of real estate. The amount of capita stock is \$106,400. E. P. Davis, Henry Creighton, David Kaufman and James A. Brown are the accomporators.

Meeting of a Board of Survey. A board of survey has been appointed to meet at the headquarters of the department of the Platte, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday the 19th inst., to examine into, report upon and fix the responsibility of the loss of certain public property for which Second Lieutenant L. D. Greeke, Seventh infantry, is accountable, as A. A. Q. M. and acting ordin-ance officer at the Bellovue Rifle range, during the past target season. The detail are: Major Henry, Ninth cavalry, inspector of rifle practice. Major Baker, pay department, United States army. Second Licutement Kennon, Sixth infantry, aid-de-camp.

To Be Boomed By Train. At a meeting of the Omaha Real Estate Exchange held yesterday, the following reso-

lution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the secretary, Mr. Cow herd, be instructed to canvass among the members of the board and also among the business men of Omaha generally, to secure subscriptions to the Sussex, New Brunswick Record, and thereby advertise and boom Omaha through George Francis Train, its asociate editor.

sociate editor.

Mr. Hemis is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Train, asking that cuts of the various public buildings be sent to be printed in connection with an article in the Record boom ing Omaha.

Licensed to Wed.

The following marriage heenses were granted by Judge McCulloch Jesterday: Name and residence, 

AN ENGINEERING TRIUMPH. The Last Spike Driven in the California & Oregon Railroad.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 17 .- The California &

Oregon railway was completed to-day. It affords, for the first time, all rail communication between the northern and southern cities of the Pacific coast and places under control of one railway corporation an unbroken line from New Orleans to Portland. Ore., a distance of 3,000 miles. Special trains from San Francisco and Portland brought large numbers of prominent gentle both states to attend the ceremony. The party from Oregon included the governor and state officers. The California train was greeted along its route by crowds of enthusiastic people. Leaving Redding for the north the heavy train was drawn up the steep approaches of the mountain by three engines, reaching Sisson this morning, 4,000 feet above the level of the sea and the base of Mount Shesta, which rises 10,400 feet higher. From here on the stupendous character of the engineering difficulties in the compassing of the Shasta range began to be revealed. Ascending the Klamoth range the railway forms loops, the track itself rising in tiers, the road along this point traversing eighteen miles in accomplishing an air tine of six. During the foreneon the Siskiyou tunnel, 3,300 feet in length, was traversed and its companion, 1,400 feet in length, also was passed through This last tunnel delayed the construction of the road two years. Arrived at Ashland, Mr. Crocker struck the blows which completed the road and simultaneously fired cannon in Portland and San Francisco. After prayer by Rev. F. G. Strong Governor Pennoyer, of Oregon, spoke briefly.

Deep Snow in Pennsylvania. READING, Pa., Dec. 17 .- The greatest snow of the year fell here this afternoon and at 10 o'clock to night in this city its depth was eighteen inches and it is still falling. The storm is general all over the castern section

The Death Record. CHICAGO, Dec. 17.-J. F. Studebaker, the youngest of the Studebaker Bros., died this evening of inflamamation of the bowels.

Powderly Still Improving. SCRANTON, Dec. 17.—Master Workman Powderly's condition continues to improve.

CHURCH NOTICES.

CONGREGATIONAL. First, Nineteenth and Davenpert streets—Rev A. F. Sherrill, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Church prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting Friday.

St. Mary's Avenue, St. Mary's and Twen St. Mary's Avenue, St. Mary's Scott, pas-ty-sixth avenues—Rev. Willard Scott, pasday school at noon. Young people's choir in the evening. Y. S. P. C. E. prayer meeting Monday evening. Church prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Bethlehem Chapel, Sixteenth and Hickory streets-Rev. M. J. P. Thing, pastor. Sun-day school at 3 o'clock. Sewing school on Saturday, 10 a. m.

Parkvale Chapel, Twenty-ninth and Mar-tha streets-Mr. T. H. Taylor, superinten-dent. Sunday school at 3 o'clock. Third, Nineteenth and Spruce streets-Rev A. B. Penniman, pastor. Services at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting Sunday, 6:30 p. m. Church prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Free Evangelical German, Twelfth and Dorcas streets—Rev. F. H. W. Bruechert, pastor. Services at 10:80 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock. Prayer meet-

ing Wednesday evening. Cherry Hill, Central park addition—Rev. J. A. Milligan, pastor. Services at 11 and 7 o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Young eople's meeting at 6 o'clock.

Hillside, Omaha View-Rev. H. C. Crane, pastor. Services at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting Sunday evening. Saratoga—Ames avenue and Twenty-fifth street, Rev. J. A. Milligan, paster. Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock. Preaching service in the evening at 7 o'clock Park Place, California and Thirtieth streets—Rev. M. L. Holt, pastor. Services

at 10:30 and 17 o'clock. Sunday school at DEPENSTRUIAN. First United, 512 North Eighteenth street-Rev. E. B. Graham, pastor. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school

Park Avenue United, corner of Park ave and Grant streets—Rev. J. A. Henderson, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. . and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at noon

You are invited. Southwestern Presbyterian, corner of Twentieth and Leavenworty streets—Rev. D. R. Kerr, pastor. Morning service at 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at noon. You are invited.

First German, on Eighteenth and Cuming streets-Rev. J. G. Schaible, pastor. Divine m. on Fourth and Center streets at the reidence of Max Bochnoke. Sabbath school a 12 m. Bible and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Germans are in

vited. Strangers are welcome. North, Saunders street-Rev. William R Henderson, pastor. Services at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath school at noon. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30

Welsh, services held at 955 North Twenty eight streets. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m Praise service at 7:30 p. m. Castellar Street, Sixteenth and Castellar streets—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Wilson. Sunday

chool at 3 p. m. Young people's union at Westminster, Troiell's Hall, 2709 Leaven worth street-Preaching by the paster, Rev John Gordon, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m Sunday school at 12 m.

Hamilton Street-Hamilton street near Lowe avenue. Rev. William J. Palm, pastor Sabbath school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Wednesday prayer necting at 7:30. Ambier Place-Rev. G. N. Lodge, paster.

Central United, 113 North Seventeenth street—Rev. John Williamson, pastor. Ser vices at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Young people's prayer meeting at 6:45 on Sabbatt

cenings. All are invited. South Omaha, corner Twenty-fifth and Q streets—Rev. G. N. Lodge, pastor. Service at 10:45 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Presbyterian church, No. 1910 Lake street

Sabbath school at 2:30 and preaching service First, corner Dodge and Seventeenth streets—Rev. W. J. Harsha, pastor. Ser-vice at 10:30 and 7:45. Young people's meetng at 7. Sabbath school at 12 m.

METHODIST. First, on Davenport street between Sev ateenth and Eighteenth-Rev. T. M. House pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Seats free All welcome. Services of Trinity will be held at the corner of Saunders and Binney streets-Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Young

Henry, paster. Hanseom Park-Corner Georgia and Woolworth avenues. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 by the paster, Rev. G. M. Brown. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Young people's neeting at 6:45 p. m. South Tenth Street-Corner of Tenth and

people's meeting at 7:30, p.om. Alfred H

Pierce streets. Services at 10:3) a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. T. C. Clendenning, pastor. Castellar Street M. E.—Corner Nineteenth and Castellar streets. Sunday school at 10 a.m.. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p. m.

meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting on ... W. F. Lowe, pastor. South Omaha M. E.-J. H. Eddlebudt, pas tor. Preaching service every Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially wel-

Creighton Avenue M. E. Mission-Corner Creighton avenue and Twenty-seventh street.

Preaching service every Sunday at 4 p. m.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. J. M. Chambers, superintendent.

RANK AND FILE HARMONIOUS

Blaine and Sherman Factions Unite For the Party's Good.

FOSTER ELECTED PRESIDENT. Last Day's Session of the Republican Club Convention-The Man

From Maine Apparently

in the Lead.

The Republican Clubs. New YORK, Dec. 17 .- | Special Telegram to the Bgr. |-The convention of republican clubs broke up to-day in a blaze of harmony. All the Blaine and Sherman antipathies were buried in the election of James P. Foster as head of the league after Chauncy Depew had declined the candidacy and Colonel Snowdin had withdrawn from the contest. The latter was the champion pet forward by the Blaine men but, like Chauncey Depew, he did not intend to let himself be used by either faction, especially as the Sherman men, after their failure to use Depew, had made up their minds to knock out whoever was put up by the Maine men. Now that the convention is over it is more than apparent that Blaine is still the leader of his party and will be nominated without doubt. His name, all through the proceedings, was the signal for the wildest applause and the hall was not packed with shouters. The delegates were for him by a large majority, but the avowed purpose to forestall the duties of the nominating convention in Chicago prevented any overt act in his favor, but his friends did as they wished within these bounds and the delegates go back to their homes more than ever assured that Blaine is the man. Evarts deserves great praise for the way he snubbed out the resolution ordering the senate to vote against Lamar's confirmation. Both democrats and republicans are pleased at this, especially the latter, as it is reported to-night

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- The New York delegation to the republican clubs convention met this morning and received the declination of Chauncey M. Depew for the presidency of of the National league, and nominated James P. Foster, president of the New York republican club, for the position. Depew's reason for declining the position was that it would be impossible for him to give time to the required.

hat enough republicans had pledged them-

selves to vote for him to secure his confirma

At the convention of republican clubs this morning James P. Foster of New York was unanimously elected president of the national league. At 12:50 the convention adjourned sine die. The meeting of the national exec-utive committee will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Foster, on ascending the platform, was warmly greeted. He said: "We have an orwarmly greeted. He said: "We have an or-ganization that will bring into power or de-feat the purposes of that great organization that created it. We can doubt that the power of this great national league will either destroy or set up the candidate of republicanism. We are a power that will rule the elections, but if we interfere with the old republican party we will destroy it the old republican party we will destroy it. It may take some time to make New York republican, but we can at least cut down the lemocratic majorities. We will aid our sis ter states and give a fair vote to the south by which we will establish republi-can rule all over the country. I thank you again and predict a great victory in

A resolution by Howard N. Fuller, of Al-bany, was the cause of much excitement. It

read as follows:

"Resolved, That this convention of republican clubs of the United States, representing the universal sentiment and patriotic desire of the republicans of the United States, recoresented by us, record its emphatic disapproval and condemnation of President Cleveland's action in nominating L. Q. C. Lamar for the supreme cours beach of the United States, and we recommend that the republican mem bers of the United States senate vote against the confirmation of the same,"

The resolution was tabled. Among the vice presidents selected by the different states are: Illinois—Judge D. Harvey Palmer, of Chicago. Iowa—Robert Ful-lerton, Des Moines. Wisconsin—W. E. Gardner, Milwaukee. Members of the executive committee: Illinois—William Tracy, Iowa—James S. Clarkson, Nebraska—R. W. Breckenridge, Wisconsin-Robert M.

After the convention adjourned the executive committee of the national league, with whom was left the nomination of a secretary and treasurer, appointed a sub-committee to name these officers. The sub-committee consisted of J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, James P. Foster, of New York city, E. L. Brackett, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and E. W. Fox, of Washington. This committee agreed to leave the choice of the secretary to President Freeter, It will decide two a treasurer. Foster. It will decide upon a treasurer later. The sub-committee established head-quarters at the New York club rooms, and will have a branch at the National Republi-can club rooms in Washington. The league will hold a convention in this city in March when there will be present seven delegate

Whittier's Eightieth Birthday. Boston, Dec. 17 .- The eightieth anniversary of the birth of the poet Whittier, was celebrated at his home in Danvers to-day in an informal manner. He received a number of distinguished guests, among them being the governor and his staff.

from each state.

Steamship Arrivals. NEW YORK, Dec. 17-[Special Telegram to TAE BEE. ]—Arrived—The Eider, from Bremen, the Pennland, from Antwerp, and the

Adriatic, from Liverpool. Banqueted His Employes. Mr. M. M. Marshall, president and manager of the Omaha Barb Wire company, gave a most pleasant banquet and dance to his employes last evening at the Hotel Esmond. The supper was served from 9 till 10, and comprised an elegant menu. After supper several short speeches were made. Mr. Mar shall, the first speaker, told of his three-fold object in giving the party: First, the social advantages of such a gathering; second, to increase the confidence between employer and employes; third, to show his appreciation for their good work. He was followed by Charles Smith, the foreman, R. R. Over, the book-keeper, John Clark and George H. Sherlock, traveling salesmen, and a number of other employes. A dance followed, the Musical Union furnishing the music. The Omaha Barb Wire company is an example of the growth of enterprises in this city. Six years ago, the amount of barb wire manufactured daily was worth but \$100. To day they turn out over \$4,000 worth daily, giving em-

ployment to a hundred men. Woodworth-Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Woodworth, who were married in Cincinnati ton the 28th of last month, as recorded in the BEE, have returned from their honey-moon. Their marriage was celebrated under most auspicious circumstances and was graced by a number of happy and friendly remembrances in the way of worth, is well and favorably known in this community, and both himself and his bride, formerly Mary J. Betty, of Cincinnati, will be warmly welcomed by a large coterie of friends. They are at home at 2219 Ohio

Building Permits. The only building permit issued yesterday from the office of the superintendent of build-

ings, was to H. Beselin, granting him per-mission to creet a two-story frame store and flat on Patrick avenue near Twenty-fourth Arrested For Embezzlement.

H. W. Burke, a clerk in a cigar store on Cuming street, was arrested and jailed last evening for pocketing a small sum of money